

Tickets on Sale for ACA 10th Anniversary Event in August

The Alameda Creek Alliance will celebrate our 10th anniversary with a celebration dinner and silent auction fundraiser on the evening of **Friday, August 24th from 5:00-8:30 pm** at Chouinard Winery along Stonybrook Creek in Niles Canyon. Click [here](#) for more information on the event. Click [here](#) to order tickets.

Please join us the evening of August 24th to celebrate our accomplishments so far in restoring Alameda Creek and its fisheries. The event will feature good food, excellent Chouinard wine, live music, local celebrity speakers and the silent auction.

Please help us make this event fun and successful by donating an item or activity for our silent auction (environmental, outdoor adventure and flyfishing themed items or activities are especially welcome), or by volunteering to help set up at the event or to organize and run the silent auction.

Alameda Creek T-Shirt Artwork Contest

Calling all artists - the Alameda Creek Alliance is looking for a new t-shirt design and is taking submissions of three-color artwork for our t-shirt. The winner of the artwork contest will receive \$100, a lifetime membership in the Alameda Creek Alliance, a link on the ACA website, and the satisfaction of seeing their artwork worn on hundreds of t-shirts.

The text of the shirt will read *Six Reasons to Save and Restore Alameda Creek* and the submitted artwork should have images of six of the creek's native fish and aquatic wildlife species: steelhead trout, Pacific lamprey, California red-legged frog, western pond turtle, chinook salmon and foothill yellow-legged frog. Artists are also encouraged to include a recognizable creek landmark (such as the Sunol Water Temple or the Little Yosemite Falls) or a depiction of the creek in the design.

Entries will be accepted until September 15. Artwork can be submitted by mail to PO Box 192, Canyon, CA 94516 or scanned and sent via e-mail to alamedacreek@hotmail.com.

Draft Environmental Review Documents Released for San Francisco Water Supply Projects

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission has released the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) on the SFPUC \$4.3 billion Water System Improvement Program (WSIP). The 3,000+ page draft report analyzes the potential environmental impacts, potential mitigations and potential alternatives to the cumulative effects on water supplies, water quality, noise, land use and natural, visual, cultural and other resources from the WSIP's twenty-two regional projects in the San Francisco Bay Area and Central Valley. Many of the projects are within the Alameda Creek watershed and some will have a direct impact on fisheries and wildlife habitat. The ACA will prepare comments on the EIR and have them posted on our web site in August.

There is a 90-day public comment period which ends October 1st. Public hearings will be held in September in each of the counties impacted by the WSIP. One of the meetings will be held in Fremont on Tuesday, September 18, at the Main Library, Fukaya Room, 2400 Stevenson Blvd.

Information about the draft program EIR can be viewed on line at <http://PEIR.sfwater.org>.

Progress on ACWD Fish Passage Projects

The Alameda County Water District (ACWD) has begun installing the fish screen on their water supply diversion below Mission Blvd., in lower Alameda Creek in the Flood Control Channel. The ACWD recently announced it received a \$600,000 grant from Proposition 50 funds for installing an additional fish screen on the diversion at their Bunting Pond – this screen will be installed in 2009. These screens will reduce the potential for out-migrating juvenile steelhead or other fish to be trapped in the diversion pipelines and adjacent groundwater recharge ponds at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area.

The ACWD will remove the lowermost rubber inflatable dam from Alameda Creek in 2008, and is investigating whether to notch or remove the concrete sill associated with this rubber dam.

Arroyo Mocho Fish Barrier to be Removed

The Livermore Valley School District and Zone 7 Water Agency will remove a concrete crossing of Arroyo Mocho behind Granada High School in Livermore this summer. The removal is intended to improve campus safety and security, enhance the creek's environment, and remove a potential fish barrier. See the [Zone 7 Press Release](#) on the planned barrier removal.

Planning for Zone 7 Stream Restoration Projects

Zone 7 Water Agency is in the process of defining, prioritizing and sequencing the projects that will constitute their 5-, 10- and 30-year Capital Improvement Projects in the StreamWISE Program. The StreamWISE program (formerly known as the Stream Management Master Plan, or SMMP) is intended to provide flood protection, benefit the environment and improve the quality of life in the Livermore-Amador Valley. For more information about StreamWISE, visit www.zone7water.com/streamwise.

Report on Amphibians of the East Bay Parks

The East Bay Regional Park District has published a report on the status of the California tiger salamander, California red-legged frog, foothill yellow-legged frog, and other aquatic herpetofauna on East Bay Regional Park District lands. Many of the surveys and studies are within the Alameda Creek watershed. The report is posted at http://www.ebparks.org/files/Amphibian_Final_Report_2007.pdf.